RUBUS VILLOSUS.

Tall Blackberry.

PLATE XXXVIII.

The family of shrubs comprized under the term *Rubus*, including the various species of *Raspberry, Blackberry, Dewberry*, &c. is extensively diffused throughout the United States. Many of them are known as troublesome brambles, a few are unarmed, and a certain number are nearly herbaceous. Some are distinguished by the elegance of their flowers, and others by the deliciousness of their fruit. The Rubus villosus is one of the most common and interesting species. It abounds among the brushwood of neglected fields and pastures, about fences and the borders of woods, from the Eastern to the Southern states. Being of rapid growth, it is frequently troublesome to the farmer by spread-